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RESEARCH INTERESTS Comparative Political Behavior, Bureaucracy, Ideology, and Latin America

EDUCATION **University of Pittsburgh** (Pitt), Pittsburgh, U.S.
Ph.D. Student, Political Science, *Expected*: Summer 2022
Current GPA: 3.975
Committee (Master's): Barry Ames, Ph.D. and Steven Finkel, Ph.D.

Master's Project: *Measuring and Explaining Political Polarization in Brazilian Politics: A Multi-Method Approach*

Mass political polarization is often measured through traditional mechanisms of party identification and voting behavior. Whereas these measurements perform well in developed democracies, they may fail to properly assess polarization in countries with low partisanship and insufficient supply of viable electoral alternatives. This paper develops the concepts of negative and affective partisanship, that is, comparisons between how much individuals (dis)like each mainstream party and their supporters. Based on observational data from CSES 2002-2014 (four waves) and LAPOP 2016/2017, and a series of OLS and multinomial logit regressions, this study shows that the most prominent divide in Brazilian politics regards the mainstream versus the anti-mainstream, contrasting with previous studies that propose a partisan polarization. It shows that ideological radicalism, institutional distrust and political disillusionment are the main predictors of polarization. Finally, I conduct a field experiment with a convenience sample of Brazilians to confirm my results and understand how these elements influence different individuals based on the composition of their social networks.

Leuphana Universität Lüneburg, Lüneburg, Germany
Master, Public Economics, Law, and Politics, July 2017
Thesis: *Ideological Perception and Representation in Developing Democracies: The Case of Liberal Parties in Latin America*
Committee: Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Ph.D. and Christian Welzel, Ph.D.

Universidade Federal de Alfenas, Varginha, Brazil
Master, Public Management and Society, July 2015
Thesis: *Institutions, Industrialization and Innovation: The Three Is of Argentina, Brazil and Mexico from 1950 to 2010*
Chair: Michel Deliberali Marson, Ph.D.

Universidade Federal de São João del-Rei, São João del-Rei, Brazil
Bachelor, Economics, August 2011
Topic: *The (Brazilian) annual budgetary law for the agricultural sector in 2008 and the sector's perspectives*
Chair: Ivis Bento de Lima

TEACHING EXPERIENCE **Adjunct Lecturer** June 2017 to August 2017
Centro de Estudios Superiores Online de Madrid Manuel Ayau, Madrid, Spain
in partnership with Universidad Francisco Marroquin (Guatemala)
Course: Public Policy (Master in Economics)

Adjunct Lecturer July 2014 to February 2015
Instituto Federal de São Paulo, Jundiaí, Brazil
Courses: Introduction to Economics, Principles of Marketing, Financial Mathematics, Corporate Governance and Business Ethics, Applied Computing, Economics for Journalists, and Fund-raising for NGOs

Teaching Assistant February 2014 to June 2014
Universidade Federal de Alfenas, Varginha, Brazil
Course: Economic Development
Supervisor: Michel Deliberati Marson, Ph.D.

RESEARCH AND
FIELD
EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, part-time
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, U.S.
Ariel Armony, Ph.D., Vice Provost for Global Affairs Fall 2018 - Spring 2019
Barry Ames, Ph.D., Andrew W. Mellon Professor Summer 2018

Economist, part-time May 2016 - June 2017
Suntrace, Hamburg, Germany
Key Responsibilities: Market studies (e.g. macroeconomic, legal, and political analyses) and technical assistance in procurement processes on solar energy (e.g. World Bank, Asian Development Bank)

Finance and Administrative Coordinator, part-time October 2015 to May 2016
China Outbound Tourism Research Coordinator, Hamburg, Germany
Key Responsibilities: Financial and human resources management

Latin America Program Manager, pro bono May 2014 to April 2016
Treasurer, pro bono August 2010 to January 2014
International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY), London, U.K.
Key Responsibilities: Fund-raising over 300,000 USD through grants (e.g. Council of Europe, European Union), partnerships and donations; organization and moderation of events in Latin America, Europe and Asia

Independent Political Consultant March 2006 to December 2014
Main Clients: Carlos Melles (*legislator, former Minister of Sports and Tourism, former Secretary of Transportation and Public Works*); Democratas (*political party*)
Key Responsibilities: Training, international relations, media and public relations, campaign management.

REFEREED
JOURNAL
PUBLICATIONS

1. **Guedes-Neto, J.**; Bohigues, A. "Status Quo Characteristics or Private Sector Affinity? Explaining Preferences for Safety Nets in Latin American Legislatures." *Teoria & Sociedade*, forthcoming.
2. **Guedes-Neto, J.** "Transformação Intra-Partidária? Um estudo sobre as percepções de poder e gestão entre jovens filiados." *Revista de Sociologia e Política*, vol. 26, n. 68, pp. 43-60, 2018.
3. **Guedes-Neto, J.** "On Social Capital, Creative Class, Emancipative Values, and the Rising Far-Right." *Conjuntura Internacional*, vol. 15, n. 1, pp. 1-12, 2018.
4. **Guedes-Neto, J.** "Pragmatism and Sustainability: Towards an Economically Reasonable and Pro-Environment Scientific Change." *Revista Meio Ambiente e Sustentabilidade*, vol. 12, n. 6, pp. 120-129, 2017.

5. **Guedes-Neto, J.** “International non-governmental organisations: a conceptual discussion.” *Conjuntura Global*, vol. 5, n. 2, 2016.
 6. **Guedes-Neto, J.** “A Reversed Double Movement in Brazil: the (controversial) evolution of the Partido dos Trabalhadores’ education policy since 1980.” *Journal of International Studies*, vol. 8, n. 2, pp. 139-154, 2015.
 7. **Guedes-Neto, J.;** Ribeiro, W. “Alternativas Educacionais: O Provimento do Ensino Secundário por PPPs em Minas Gerais.” *Revista Economia e Gestão*, vol. 14, n. 37, pp. 104-122, 2014.
 8. Paiva, D.; Pereira, J.; Pereira, P.; **Guedes-Neto, J.;** Santos, L. “O Programa Microempreendedor Individual: uma alternativa para a redução do emprego informal.” *Revista Publicatio Ciências Sociais*, vol. 21, n. 2, pp. 193-201, 2013.
- BOOK CHAPTER
1. Cimini, F.; Santos, M.; **Guedes-Neto, J.** “Grupos de interesse e trajetórias de desenvolvimento no Brasil e Chile.” In: Cimini, F.; Cabria, J.; da Silva, R. (Eds.). *Elites empresariais, estado e mercado na América Latina*. Belo Horizonte: UFMG, 2018.
- UNDER REVIEW
1. Bohigues, A.; **Guedes-Neto, J.;** Santos, M. “Same-Sex Marriage, Abortion, and Drugs: An Assessment of Non-Economic Liberal Values Among Political Elites.”
 2. **Guedes-Neto, J.;** Santos, M. “Renovando a política ou mais do mesmo? Comparando novatos e políticos tradicionais nas legislaturas latino-americanas.”
 3. Cimini, F.; Santos, M.; **Guedes-Neto, J.** “As Preferências Empresariais por Políticas Econômicas de Direita nos Casos do Brasil e Chile.”
 4. **Guedes-Neto, J.** “Ideological Perception and Representation in Developing Democracies: The Case of Liberal Parties in Latin America.”
- PAPERS IN PREPARATION
1. **Guedes-Neto, J.;** Peters, B. G. “Working, Shirking, and Sabotage in Times of Democratic Backsliding: An Experimental Study in Brazil.”
 2. Ames, B.; Batista, M.; **Guedes-Neto, J.** “Moving the People: Implementation Politics in Two Brazilian States.”
 3. **Guedes-Neto, J.** “Why Do Democracies Erode? Charismatic Leadership, Social Pact, and Illiberal Reforms in Venezuela and Hungary.”
- SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS
- Scholarships and Fellowships
- *Humane Studies Fellowship*, Institute for Humane Studies (IHS), \$3,000 2018-2019
 - *Latin America Social and Public Policy Fellowship*, Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS/Pitt), \$23,040 plus tuition fee 2017-2018
 - *Hemult Schmidt Scholarship Program*, DAAD, ca. \$40,000 2015-2017
 - *M.A. Scholarship*, FAPEMIG, ca. \$11,000 2013-2015
- Travel Awards
- *Prestage-Cook Travel Award*, SPSA, \$300
 - *Fall Graduate Research Colloquium*, IHS, \$320 October 2018
 - *LASA*, CLAS/Pitt, \$500 May 2018
 - *LASA*, IHS, \$450 May 2018
 - *LASA*, Department of Political Science (Pitt), \$400 May 2018
 - *Colloquium ‘Growth of Government,’* IHS, \$264 January 2018
 - *DSA*, IHS, \$350 September 2016

Others

- *Field Research in Brazil*, CLAS/Pitt and Tinker Foundation, \$2,800 June 2018
- *Ph.D. Application Fees*, IHS, \$200 December 2016

LANGUAGES AND Languages

COMPUTER SKILLS • Portuguese (native), English (TOEFL: 111/120), Spanish (B2), and German (B1)

Computer Skills

- L^AT_EX, STATA, R, SPSS, Mathematica, Qualtrics, Mechanical Turk, Zotero, Moodle, HTML, and Wordpress

PRESENTATIONS Conference Papers

- *Workshop on Democratic Backsliding and Public Administration*, Florence, Italy January 2019
- *Southern Political Science Association*, Austin, U.S. January 2019
- *IHS Fall Graduate Research Colloquium*, Arlington, U.S. October 2018
- *Latin American Studies Association*, Barcelona, Spain May 2018
- *Latin America Social and Public Policy Conference*, Pittsburgh, U.S. March 2018
- *Ohio Latin Americanist Conference*, Ohio State University, U.S. October 2018
- *Postgraduates in Latin American Studies*, University of Leeds, U.K. June 2017
- *Development Studies Association*, Oxford University, U.K. September 2016
- *International Political Science Association (IPSA)*, Poznan, Poland July 2016
- *Graduate Conference in Political Theory*, Sciences Po, France June 2016
- *European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy*, Universita degli Studi di Genova, Italy September 2015
- *Education Without Borders*, Higher Colleges of Technology, U.A.E. 2011
- *MoodleMoot Brasil*, Universidade Presbiteriana Mackenzie, Brazil 2007

Invited Presentations

- *Positivismo, Neoinstitucionalismo e Desenvolvimento Econômico*, Universidade Federal de Alfenas, Brazil May 2015
- *Consumo versus Poupança: O Tradeoff entre o Curto e o Longo Prazo*, Associação de Educação do Homem do Amanhã, Brazil September 2014

Trainer

- *Youth Participation in Latin America*, IFLRY, Dominican Republic November 2015
- *Youth Participation in Latin America*, IFLRY, Spain August 2015
- *Strategic Planning for Political Organizations*, Youth Democratic Movement Vesna, Russia April 2015
- *Youth Participation in Latin America*, IFLRY, Argentina November 2014
- *Fund-raising for NGOs*, IFLRY, Lebanon December 2010

Panel Discussant

- *De Militancias y Sujetos Políticos*, LASA, Spain May 2018
- *Policy Transfer: Political Actors and Institutional Contexts*, IPSA, Poland July 2016
- *Reconfigurations of Nation States, National Governments and Subnational Interests*, IPSA, Poland July 2016

OTHER EVENTS

- *Public Choice and Government Failure*, Jamie Pavlik, Ph.D., IHS, Arlington, U.S. February 2019
- *Growth of Government*, Joshua Hall, Ph.D., IHS, Arlington, U.S. January 2018
- *R Workshop*, Jose Incio, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, U.S. August 2017
- *Conference on the Future of the European Union*, Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF) and European Liberal Forum, Berlin, Germany December 2016

- *Process Tracing Methods*, Rasmus Pedersen, Ph.D., IPSA, Poznan, Poland July 2016
- *Ukraine as a key actor for democracy in the region*, IFLRY, Kiev, Ukraine October 2014
- *From Government to Good Governance - Decision Making, Participation and Transparency in Politics and Administration*, FNF, Gummersbach, Germany February 2014
- *The (in)dependent youth: social cohesion = autonomy?*, IFLRY, Krakow, Poland January 2014
- *Rights4Youth Summit*, IFLRY, Strasbourg, France April 2013
- *Local Politics: How to mobilize youth*, IFLRY, Budapest, Hungary April 2012
- *Freedom of Expression: a Right or a Responsibility?*, IFLRY, Istanbul, Turkey November 2011
- *Migration: Enriching Societies*, IFLRY, Timisoara, Romania July 2011
- *Training for Trainers*, IFLRY, Strasbourg, France November 2010
- *You(th) are part of it*, IFLRY, Saint Petersburg, Russia August 2010
- *No Education, No Freedom, No opportunities*, FNF, Gummersbach, Germany February 2010

AFFILIATIONS

- *Latin American Studies Association*, Member Since September 2017
- *Instituto Millenium*, Specialist Since February 2010